

## **Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes**

July 21, 2021 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers – 800 Wilson Ave

### **Committee Members Present:**

Mike Schendel (1 hr.)

Dennis Kropp (12 hrs.)

Nancy Schofield (3 hrs.)

Mike Smith (1 hr.)

**Others present:** Dick Henning, Megan Hines, Dave Frank and Randy Eide

**The board selected Nancy Schofield to chair the meeting in the absence of the current chair.**

**The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Nancy Schofield, acting chair.**

**Acceptance of Minutes:** **MOTION** made by Kropp to accept the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Schendel. **MOTION** carried.

**Public Comments:** - None

**Dunn County Fair Booth:** Dick Henning shared pictures of the booth set-up at the fair. The booth is located in the northwest corner of the exhibit building. The theme of the booth is diversity, with facts about the diversity of trees in the City of Menomonie. Henning created a new planting list leaflet that recommends trees to help increase diversity in the City's tree canopy.

**Additional Ash Bench Placement:** One bench has been stolen from the Brickyard Disc Golf Course. Randy Eide suggested Henning file a police report for the missing bench. Schofield reported she spoke with a few downtown businesses and there was not a lot of interest in them having benches in front of their storefronts. Kropp was directed to pick two benches for the garden near City Hall in Wilson Park. Schofield requested one bench to be placed in Wakanda Park along the disc golf course.

**Items for Discussion Only:** Kropp noted some dead trees in Wilson Park near the bandshell. Henning responded that the trees will be removed and replaced with trees from the gravel bed this fall.

### **Urban Forester Report:**

- **Ash Tree Treatment:** Henning reported that he has treated five additional ash trees.
- **City Tree Canopy Inventory:** - Henning plans to meet with Hines in the coming weeks to learn the GIS software and begin marking trees for removal in the GIS system.

### **City Council Report:**

- **Cork Tree Ordinance:** Eide reported that the ordinance was introduced at the July 19 City Council meeting. The first reading of the ordinance was waved. Will likely be brought to the August 16 City Council for final consideration and possible approval. The ordinance states that female Amur Cork trees are a nuisance and must be removed.
- **Construction Update:** Eide summarized progress on various construction projects in the City. The gas line replacement is complete on River Road, waiting for contractors to complete stormwater pipe repairs and the mill and overlay of the pavement. The 21<sup>st</sup> St project is progressing as expected with the utilities in and the base built up. The sidewalk projects on the south side of Main St and on Tainter St are complete. Construction has started on the repairs to the Wakanda Park Regional Stormwater pond.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m.

**Items for Next Meeting:** Dunn County Fair Booth Recap, City Tree Canopy Inventory Update, Cork Tree Ordinance Update.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **MOTION** made by Dennis Kropp, seconded by Mike Schendel to adjourn at 2:22 pm. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Megen Hines  
Environmental Program Coordinator